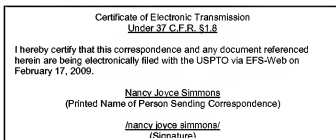


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed August 14, 2008 in the above matter. A response was due November 14, 2008. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time; thus this response is due Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and is being timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Please charge the extension of time and RCE fees to deposit account no. 50-1047. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 50-1047.

Please enter the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.